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Dr. C. W. de Kiewiet, President
The University of Rochester
River Campus Station
Rochester 20, New York

Dear Dr. de Kiewiet:

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 January inviting me to be the speaker at your 110th Commencement on 12 June and that for me to receive the degree, Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa.

Much as I am genuinely honored by your selection of me to be the Commencement speaker and for me to receive the degree, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to join you as I am planning to be out of the country on that date. However, I want to let you know how much I appreciate this invitation and regret very much that circumstances preclude my participation in your exercises.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

CIA
W.H.B.

Allen L. Dulles
Director

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 29, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am sure it has always been your hope, as it has ours, that Commencement day would be meaningful in the right way for the students who had earned their degrees. When the world is as troubled as it is today Commencement brings our students face to face with serious, world-shaking problems. The right things said at the right time can be most important. It is for this reason that serious consideration has been given to the selection of our Commencement speaker.

It is my pleasure to inform you that our Board of Trustees has voted to extend to you an invitation to serve as the speaker at our 110th Commencement to be held on Sunday, June 12, 1960. It has also been voted to confer upon you the degree, Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa.

I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to accept this invitation because I am sure that you will bring to our graduates a message both timely and stimulating. Upon your acceptance, more detailed information will be sent to you.

It has been our custom to pay our Commencement speaker's expenses plus a modest honorarium of \$200.

Yours very sincerely,

C. W. de Kiewiet